Title: SELECTIVE SPACER TO PREVENT METAL OXIDE FORMATION DURING POLYCIDE REOXIDATION

## CONCLUSION

Claims 1-12 and 23-64 are now pending in the application. The applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at 612- 373-6973 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

KLAUS FLORIAN SCHUEGRAF ET AL.

By their Representatives,

SCHWEGMAN, LUNDBERG, WOESSNER & KLUTH, P.A.

P.O. Box 2938

Minneapolis, MN 55402

(612) 373-6973

Date

Bv

Robert E. Mates Reg. No. 35,271

"Express Mail" mailing label number: EV370240125US

Date of Deposit: February 27, 2004

This paper or fee is being deposited on the date indicated above with the United States Postal Service pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10, and is addressed to The Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Patent Application, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.